

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

March 7, 2017

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair  
John Pluth, Vice-Chair  
Tim Schumacher  
Jeff Quastad

Absent: Roger Hash

Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting and also approve them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

No one spoke during public forum.

Bob Lincoln, CEO of County Social Services (CSS), Judy Tangen, Coordinator of Disability Services, and Todd Rickert, Regional Coordinator for CSS, met with the Board to give a general update of their services. Lincoln informed the Board about the Lifelong Links Project that connects with the area agency for aging. This will be our platform in approximately one month, connecting our people with the call center around the State. It is about serving residents, people give us a call and we figure out where the individual needs to be. Lincoln stated that they will be expanding this service to our children. For families, sometimes, it is hard to decide what the best service for their children is. Quastad asked the question how you initially find this program. It is about social marketing and how to get the word out, the earlier you have the intervention with individuals, the better it will be for that person. Juhl asked if individuals can still call Tangen for help at her office and Lincoln stated that this is correct; while she is in the office she will take the calls. The idea is to make this as simple as possible, in small communities, they will still call our Coordinator, that being Tangen. She will be in the same data base as the call center. It is a great tool for our local offices. The assurance is that our community will always have a live person to talk to. Especially when we have such a large region and slim staff, Lincoln believes this will be a big step for us. Some counties have already implemented Lifelong Links. People in the call center can see these phone calls coming in. Schumacher stated that he can see that this is a valuable tool and it is like having a professional answering service. Schumacher also stated to Lincoln that I know that we are in good hands with you.

Schumacher asked Lincoln what is happening with mental health these days. Lincoln stated we have launched the I-START Program. This operates right now in 14 states, what the teams are doing is helping people with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues. Lincoln also stated that the most promising thing is making an impression with peer support. Peer support recovery is the biggest issue going on right now. He stated that we are looking at things to bring in support for these individuals. Lincoln stated that we have the services, but not to the extent that we need them.

Lincoln stated that we launched a treatment team in Waterloo about 3 months ago, it is essentially a hospital without walls, mostly helping schizophrenic people.

Lincoln also stated that he is so impressed with how Seasons Center has helped our children. Our focus is to help children with their problems.

Juhl stated that she had heard that case management is all going to Managed Care Organizations or MCOs. Lincoln had attended meetings, stating that they were trying to manage too many providers to get what they needed. Through this transition, Lincoln stated that we are trying to take care of our people, which is the most important item to them at this time.

Justice Involved is the last program focusing on trying to move the 10 bed to subacute standard. He stated that they are trying to better manage the limited psychiatric beds that we have. Local county sheriffs can call their number and they will try and find or try to place the individual in the best facility. He stated that this is a very challenging need.

Rickert stated that we are in that partnership with Area Agency on Aging (Triple A), they have been discussing and dealing with the elderly population in our prisons. Taking steps with our partnership with Triple A and helping those persons with severe needs. Things will become more challenging with this project and we need to do what we can to meet the needs of those folks. Lincoln stated any time there are challenges there are opportunities.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to set the date and time for a public hearing for a new confinement facility for BWT Farms LLLP, Farm 267 Origer East, located in Section 28 of Center Township, for March 28, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Emmet County Board Room. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to set the date and time for a public hearing for a new confinement Facility for New Fashion Pork LLP, Farm 266 Erickson East, located in Section 34 of Estherville Township, for March 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmet County Board Room. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to sign joint drainage bill for ECD#61, to Jacobson-Westergard, for engineering services in the amount of \$1,907.70 and send back to control county, Dickinson for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

At 10:00 the Public Hearing began for K & T Olson Swine LLC Site 2, located in Section 32 of Lincoln Township. There were numerous members of the public present. Various persons spoke about the proposed site voicing their concerns about their future quality of life being affected due to the smell issue from the confinement. Also discussed was the heavy traffic on our roads and who pays for our roads. Quastad stated that the taxpayers pay for our roads out of the rural services fund. There were also persons in attendance speaking for the proposed site. A letter was read by Dave Anderson, written by Chuck Gardner, to all who were in attendance, voicing his objection to the proposed location of the new confinement facility. This letter will be forwarded to the DNR. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth to close the public hearing. It was then moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to recommend the master matrix, with the score being 475 points. The motion also includes noting a vote of the public present; voting in favor of the proposed site 12, against the site 15. The letter of recommendation will be forwarded to the DNR along with one letter of opposition received. All ayes, motion carried.

Schumacher left meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer met with the Board and reviewed with the Board about updating the weed spraying policy for the County. He will present a Resolution for public hearing on this spraying policy at next week's Board meeting. Davis-Oeth also represented the STP Application for Federal Funding to the Board for their signature. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to sign the STP Application. This proposed project would be for milling and resurfacing of County Road N52 from Hwy 9 to the Dolliver access road, approximately 4.4 miles, slated to be done in the year 2021. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plan (MMP) and Nutrient Management Plan for:

Section 24 Beef LLC, located Section 24 of High Lake Township, (Clayton Eggers);  
New Fashion Pork Farm 192- White, located in Section 19 of Emmet Township;  
New Fashion Pork Farm 238-Kiburz A, located in Section 8 of Ellsworth Township;  
J.A.N.S.Farms, Inc. #2, located in Section 13 of Jack Creek Township.

A drainage issue around Cheever Lake was discussed once again with the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30. a.m.

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Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair